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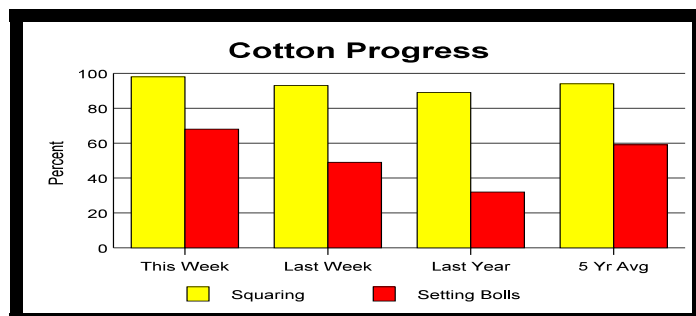
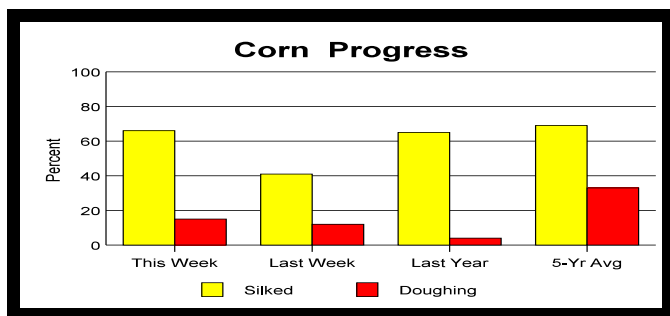
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2006

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 43% very short, 41% short, and 16% adequate. Wind damage was 16% light, and 6% moderate. No hail damage reported. Farmers spent the week irrigating, harvesting, and baling hay. Alfalfa was reported as 1% very poor, 2% poor, 21% fair, 58% good and 18% excellent with 85% of the third cutting complete and 25% of the fourth cutting complete. Irrigated sorghum was reported as fair to excellent with 11% headed and 2% coloring. Dry sorghum was reported as mostly poor to fair. Total sorghum condition was reported as 27% very poor, 37% poor, 14% fair, 19% good, and 3% excellent. Peanuts were reported as 2% very poor, 2% poor, 66% fair and 29% good, and 1% excellent with 73% pegged. Pecan conditions were fair to excellent. Cotton was reported as 2% very poor, 4% poor, 29% fair, 44% good and 21% excellent with 98% squaring and 68% setting bolls. Chile condition was reported as 2% poor, 10% fair, 68% good, and 20% excellent. Chile pod set was reported as 9% light, 72% average and 19% heavy. Onions were reported as 89% harvested. Corn condition was in mostly fair to excellent condition with 66% silked and 15% was in the dough stage. Cattle conditions were reported at 5% very poor, 16% poor, 52% fair, 20% good and 7% excellent. Sheep were 6% very poor, 29% poor, 45% fair, and 20% good. Ranges and pastures received less moisture this week, with conditions reported as 27% very poor, 46% poor, 20% fair, and 7% good. Temperatures were hotter this week with little wind and little to no rain. Supplemental feeding is increasing again and livestock producers continue to sell off their livestock. More rain is desperately needed.

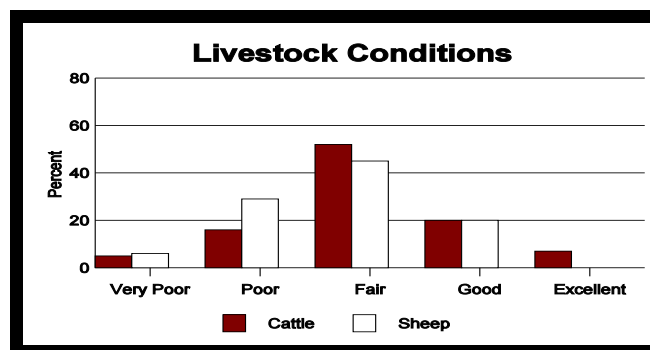
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Silked	66	41	65	69
CORN	Doughing	15	12	4	33
COTTON	Squaring	98	93	89	94
COTTON	Setting Bolls	68	49	32	59
ONIONS	Harvested	89	85	89	91
PEANUTS	Pegging	73	55	79	76
SORGHUM	Headed	4	2	10	7



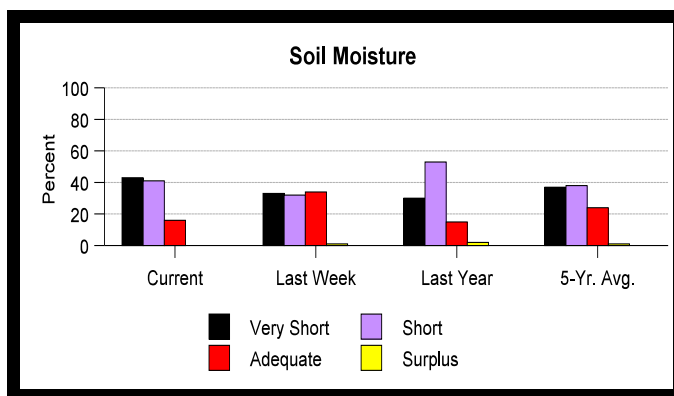
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	2	21	58	18
Apples	---	33	64	3	---
Chile	---	2	10	68	20
Corn	---	1	22	59	18
Cotton	2	4	29	44	21
Pecans	---	---	10	52	38
Peanuts	2	2	66	29	1
Sorghum (All)	27	37	14	19	3
Cattle	5	16	52	20	7
Sheep	6	29	45	20	---
Range/Pasture	27	46	20	7	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	30	46	24	---
Northeast	60	31	9	---
Southwest	51	31	18	---
Southeast	30	57	13	---
State Current	43	41	16	---
State-Last Week	33	32	34	1
State-Last Year	30	53	15	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	37	38	24	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Much of the week was dominated by warm temperatures with average readings of nearly 7 degrees above normal over the northwest sections of the state while the southeast saw successive days topping 100 degrees. Widely scattered thunderstorms produced several locally heavy amounts of several inches in an hour, but the rather light rainfall totals in the weekly report indicated the random nature of the storms that bypassed most reporting locations.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - JULY 17 - 23, 2006

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	07/17 07/23	07/01 07/23	Normal Jul	01/01 07/23	Normal Jan-Jul
Farmington	80.5	100	64	0.04	0.99	0.94	3.01	4.31
Gallup	77.9	95	59	0.15	2.10	1.91	4.03	6.10
Capulin	69.7	91	48	0.00	1.67	3.25	6.22	10.52
Chama	68.8	92	45	0.00	2.00	2.24	6.42	11.08
Johnson Ranch	73.9	96	51	0.10	1.25	1.66	2.65	5.43
Las Vegas	72.1	94	55	0.17	1.06	3.20	4.25	9.60
Los Alamos	72.6	91	58	0.28	1.88	3.25	5.20	9.66
Raton	73.4	95	52	0.52	1.50	2.66	3.92	9.82
Red River	61.4	83	40	0.18	2.34	3.01	10.73	11.93
Santa Fe	76.2	98	58	0.03	2.86	2.38	4.35	7.64
Clayton	77.4	95	56	0.00	3.07	2.70	6.06	9.00
Clovis	81.8	99	64	0.00	1.16	2.56	5.47	9.57
Roy	75.6	95	59	0.00	1.66	2.97	3.58	9.03
Tucumcari	81.7	100	63	0.00	2.72	3.30	6.16	8.57
Grants	74.8	94	55	0.19	1.62	1.76	2.69	4.79
Quemado	72.4	93	49	0.64	2.27	2.37	3.82	6.56
Albuquerque	81.8	96	68	0.15	1.83	1.37	3.28	4.42
Carrizozo	77.3	95	58	0.09	1.44	2.05	4.51	5.55
Socorro	79.9	97	61	0.18	1.65	1.44	2.38	3.94
Gran Quivera	74.1	93	54	0.76	2.03	2.81	4.40	7.52
Moriarty	73.2	94	54	0.19	4.08	2.38	5.93	6.37
Ruidoso	68.4	86	46	0.05	1.97	4.02	4.62	10.99
Carlsbad	85.1	102	68	0.00	0.10	1.79	3.57	5.74
Roswell	81.1	98	65	0.00	1.00	1.99	3.05	6.74
Tatum	79.4	96	63	0.00	2.76	2.52	6.23	8.69
Alamogordo	84.4	99	71	0.11	0.86	2.23	2.09	5.51
Animas	82.9	100	66	0.37	1.17	2.26	1.90	4.74
Deming	83.4	102	64	0.03	1.32	2.15	2.45	4.43
Las Cruces	83.8	101	68	0.00	0.97	1.36	1.78	3.63
T or C	82.1	100	64	0.38	0.94	1.86	1.44	4.44

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

CATTLE INVENTORY

July 1 Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 103.4 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and 1 percent above the 42.4 million two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.9 million, were up slightly from July 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from two years ago.

Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2006 and the changes from July 1, 2005, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 2 percent.

Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, unchanged.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.8 million, up 3 percent.

Other heifers, 7.7 million, up 3 percent.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, up 3 percent.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.

Calves under 500 pounds, 29.2 million, up 1 percent.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.5 million, up 4 percent.

Calf Crop Up Slightly: The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.6 million, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Class and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 2004 - 2006

Class	2004	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Percent-----
Cattle and Calves	103,400	104,500	105,700	101
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	42,400	42,800	43,000	100
Beef Cows	33,400	33,750	33,850	100
Milk Cows	9,000	9,050	9,150	101
Heifers 500 pounds and Over	15,950	16,200	16,500	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,800	5,000	5,000	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,800	103
Other Heifers	7,550	7,500	7,700	103
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,200	14,400	14,900	103
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,050	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,800	29,000	29,200	101
Calf Crop	37,505	37,780	37,900	100
Cattle on Feed	11,800	12,000	12,500	104

SHEEP INVENTORY

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2006 totaled 7.77 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2005, but 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.64 million head on July 1, 2006 was down slightly from July 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were also down slightly from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.78 million ewes one year old and older, 185,000 rams one year old and older, and 670,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 3.06 million head was comprised of 1.80 million lambs under 65 pounds, 630,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 370,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 260,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 80,000 head.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region and United States, July 1, 2005 - 2006

Regions ^{1/}	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Market Sheep & Lambs	
	2005	2006	2006 as % 2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	-----1,000 Head----		----Percent----	-----1,000 Head-----			
Region 1	1,300	1,280	98	805	800	495	480
Region 2	1,500	1,470	98	1,000	980	500	490
Region 3	2,650	2,650	100	1,460	1,460	1,190	1,190
Region 4	1,200	1,200	100	665	665	535	535
Region 5	1,150	1,170	102	725	730	425	440
U.S.	7,800	7,770	100	4,655	4,635	3,145	3,135

^{1/} States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other states.